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Status of teachers in aided schools.

*129 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House a statement showing the grievances sought to be remedied in the status and conditions of teachers in aided schools and to state—

(*b*) in what respect and to what extent they were remedied in the recent orders amending the Educational Rules;

(*c*) what defects in the said amendments are brought to the notice of Government by the associations and institutions concerned; and

(*d*) what action the Government have decided to take or contemplate taking on the representations made in the interests of teachers and managers of aided institutions?

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member apparently refers to the amendments to the rules under the Madras Elementary Education Act recently issued. A perusal of the new rules will show in what respects they are intended to bring about an improvement in the conditions of service of teachers in aided elementary schools.

" (*c*) The rules referred to were published by Government and every opportunity was given for criticisms, objections and suggestions to be submitted to Government. Such criticisms and suggestions as were received were carefully considered by Government before the rules were confirmed.

" (*d*) As indicated in the answer to clause (*c*), representations from teachers and managers have already been considered by Government. After the rules have been in force for some time the Government will be in a better position to state whether any further alterations are necessary."

Security furnished by the Executive Officer, Sri Karpaganathar temple, Tanjore district, and its income for fasli ending with June 1938.

*130 *Q.*—Sri Rao Bahadur M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: With reference to answer given to starred question No. 37 put at the meeting held on 19th August 1938, will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the amount of security has been fixed as Rs. 500 when the security obtained from the previous treasurer was Rs. 1,000; and

(*b*) whether the information called for with regard to the actual income of the temple for the fasli year ending with June 1938, has been received and if so, what it is?

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) The amount of security is fixed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board with reference to the status and other qualifications of the individual concerned. In this case the executive officer of the temple was a member of the bar before his appointment in the temple.

" (*b*) The income was Rs. 7,186–5–11."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know what are the other qualifications of the individual concerned that were taken into account in fixing the amount of security?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Apparently from what the board has done, it looks it is only the question of respectability of the man concerned—his general status in society. In this case, the executive officer has been a member of the bar and it has been taken for granted that he is a very respectable man."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government have considered the question whether the income of the temple warrants the retention of an executive officer on a salary of Rs. 100 per mensem?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" That is a matter entirely left to the discretion of the board."

Scheme for enlisting medical practitioners for rural medical relief.

* 131 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House the new Government scheme for enlisting qualified medical practitioners for rural medical relief with a summary of objections raised to it and to state;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to obtain the sense of both the Houses of the Legislature before passing final orders thereon;

(*c*) if so, when; and

(*d*) if not, what orders have Government passed?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to Memorandum [a] No. 34730-1 D-2, P.H., dated 30th September 1938, issued by Government (copy placed on the table of the Madras Legislative Council). No scheme has yet been evolved by Government in the matter. Replies of most of the presidents of district boards are still due.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 292 infra.